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# THE JAGUAR TIMES



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We in Room 124 are a small family within a big high school. The children do lots of crafts, coloring and cutting. They made self portraits last week. Our parents really enjoyed receiving paper dolls of their children recently too. It might be hard to walk by our room on Friday afternoons, we have done our shopping on Thursday's, and we are making our lunch from scratch. We enjoy our time together, and we learn about the larger world that we live and thrive in. Stop bye and say hello sometime, we would love to meet you!!  
by Ms Whitters

## Student Letter to Editor

Dear Newspaper,

University City High School is a good school, don't get me wrong. It all depends on the students. Most students in this school just come to fight. But if you look around this school there are students that go to class on time and do their work. They are scared to show their talents because student(s) will bully them and tell them that they are nerds, and beat them up. We just need new resources so we can learn more. Some things that would be nice for some students are paid trips to museums, a place where they can learn more about Philadelphia, and updated textbooks. Drugs are starting to get to these students because they don't think they can make it somewhere in life. Because school is taking too long for them. There needs to be more hands on learning for the student to learn. That is the only way these kids can learn. I know these things because I have been here for two years.

Sincerely,  
Anonymous Student

(See more letters on page 4)



ART PROJECT OF THE MONTH:  
Acrylic on Paper (Original in Room 118)  
April Jenkins (Senior), Art II Class (2009)

## School Paper Policies for Submission:

All material is to be submitted to the publisher no later than 24 hours before printing. This medium was designed for fun only. Any descriptions of events or news presented is fake and does not reflect the views or orders of the official people running our school. Any similarity to actual events and people is purely coincidental and shall not be interpreted as truth. We accept submissions for content from anyone on in school, preferably students. Submissions are accepted on a first come-first served basis and there is no guarantee of publication. All submissions become the sole property of the editorial staff. 2009

## DAY26 Mayhem Carried A Message

by Patricia Wood (12th Grade)

On April 16th, 2009, University City High School had a special guest appearance by DAY 26. All our young female students were directed to the auditorium to speak with the group about "Domestic Violence." They were also sharing information about their program called "Saving Our Daughters."

With much interest in the topic, the students decided to talk about the pro's and con's of Domestic Violence. One of the discussions talked about an incident involving popular pop singers Rhianna and Chris Brown. Some students agreed with Chris Brown's actions, while others did not.

The conversation continued on about the rights and wrongs of abuse. Assistant Principal Green asked the females if it was right for women to hit men. Two students debated the issue and voiced their opinions. In the end, all the students learned a valuable lesson and enjoyed having the chance to see DAY 26. There was a lot of U-City Jaguar Spirit in the room.



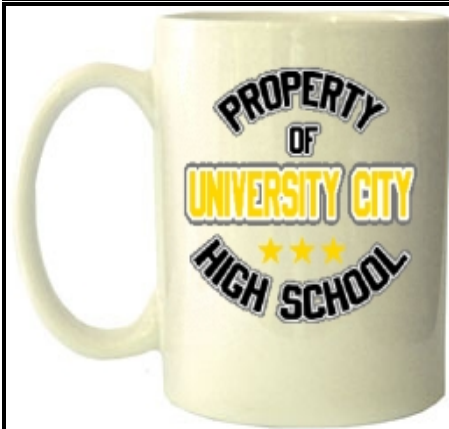
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### **MAY FACULTY & STAFF COFFEE BREAK PLANNED!**

**Our MAY staff meeting will  
be preceded by another**

### **COFFEE BREAK!!**

**Please make time to share  
some conversation and light  
banter with your fellow  
UCHS employees as we relax  
on MAY 19th, from 7:00 to  
7:30 am. The event is free to  
all faculty and staff. Dona-  
tions are optional and wel-  
come to sponsor future  
events to foster fellowship!!**



## ***Student Poetry by Zerek Williams***

Throughout the day & night  
I began to toss & turn...WOW!  
What happen next? I don't know how...  
how it happened  
the pain the suffering the  
power to overcome a change  
WOW! I began to toss & turn  
wondering was the choice I made  
the right one? Throughout  
the day & night I began to toss  
& turn...WOW! I still do always  
will and always have and that's a  
guarantee the pain and the suffering  
will always carry me. For those  
I love and leave behind with the  
old me in the pass I still  
remain the old me dead and  
gone and that's why I call  
the Lord's name invain  
Throughout the day & night  
I remain the same but when  
I toss and turn I feel the pain.

**ATTENTION ANYONE IN  
THE UNIVERSITY CITY  
FAMILY:**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES,  
PICTURES, POETRY,  
LETTERS, OR ANYTHING  
ELSE OF INTEREST TO OUR  
FORUM.**

**THE JAGUAR TIMES  
IS YOUR SCHOOL  
NEWSPAPER!!**

**IT IS A FORUM FOR YOU, BY  
YOU, AND WITH YOU IN  
MIND. WE STRIVE TO MAKE  
THIS A WELL-INFORMED  
FAMILY HERE AT UCHS!**

### ***Technology Security***

by Mr. Scribner

With the theft of more equipment from schools in our district recently, we are making sure that the students here at University City High School understand that the equipment in this building is provided for them. If the equipment is destroyed or mistreated, you have no one to blame but yourselves when you cannot get online or finish your work. We are trying as hard as we can to up-grade the computer labs and equipment in all the classrooms. You have a unique opportunity to work with top of the line equipment in the Classrooms-Of-The-Future. Macbooks, Smart-boards, and Video Projectors can bring a project to life, but if it is not working right because of theft or abuse, we all loose!!

### **STUDENTS!!!**

**DO NOT FORGET THE  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
PROHIBITS THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS IN  
SCHOOL:**

**NO CELLPHONES,  
MOBILE PHONES,  
CAMERAS,  
IPODS/MP3 PLAYERS,  
HATS,  
JACKETS WITH HOODS,  
HEAD WRAPS  
(unless a religious custom),  
or  
MULTI-COLORED SHOES!!**

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## Americorps– CityYear.Org Highlights Page

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The deadline to turn in Work ready applications has been extended to Thursday May 7, 2009. Applications can be picked up in room 201. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make some extra cash this summer.

Need help learning about your future: Show Me the Future®: A financial literacy and life skills game, which helps 12-20 year olds prepare for their future. Check out: [showmethefuture.org](http://showmethefuture.org)

**NEED Working Papers?**  
Visit room 201 or your counselor Immediately!!

### STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

ROOM 201

Supervisor: Ms McMillan  
[amcmillan@pyninc.org](mailto:amcmillan@pyninc.org)

### Just A Reminder About These

- Seniors do you know if you are graduating, don't let your senior project stop you from graduating. See Mr King as soon as possible for follow up.
- Over 15 different scholarships still are still available. See someone in the Student Success Center or your counselor for more information right away. Do not miss out on your chance to fund your post-graduate education goals!!

### You can attend a Community College Free with Job Corps.

Attend one of Pittsburgh Job Corps-Community College of Allegheny County information sessions. Here is a list of career trainings the Pittsburgh Job Corps offer: Business Technologies, Culinary Arts, Electrician, Facility Maintenance, Health Occupations, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Heavy Equipment Operator, Manufacturing, Network Systems, Warehouse Operations. Sign up is available in room 201.

**\*FREE\***

Summer Program at UPenn for Phila. 10th & 11th Grade Students. **Dental Medicine, Engineering/Internet Technology, Law, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine.** Go to Room 201 for more info!!



Many thanks to our Wood Shop Students and Mr. Brown for the excellent effort to design and produce our new Promethean Board Covers. These covers will protect our new equipment in the Classrooms-Of-The-Future around our school. The innovative design and simplicity of construction will allow our students to manufacture enough boards for all of the boards in our school. We also hope to start a student-run business to market and sell the boards to other CFF schools in the district. All proceeds will help fund new equipment and supplies in our Wood Shop and Technology departments.

## COLLEGE PREP MEETING

### COLLEGE PREPARATION

Early Preparation for College Admissions Parent Conference

For parents of public school students in grades 7-11

**When: Saturday,  
May 2, 2009  
9:00 AM – 12 Noon**

At Temple University,  
Ritter Hall  
Walk Auditorium  
13th & Montgomery  
Streets

Learn about preparing for and applying to college, the Advanced Placement Program and the Dual Enrollment Program. Attendees will receive a copy of the book, *Winning the College Admission Game* by Peter Van Buskirk. Registration and breakfast begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Sponsored by: The School District of Philadelphia, Office of High School Reform – College and Career Div., Office of Parent, Family, and Community Engagement, Temple University and College Board.

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*More Letters to the Editor*

Dear Editor,

I am an 18-year-old Senior here at UCHS. When I first came to this school it was ok. I was going to class every day and doing what I had to do to get good grades. I enjoy being in school because it gives me confidence when I do a good job. I came from Technology High and I was pretty bad. Now that I am here, I am getting good grades. In this school there is a lot of drama. When you stay to yourself, people want to try and get in your way. So far, I have been chillin, and I am ready to get out of school so I can work and go to college!!

- Neemah Ames

Dear Jag Times,

I just wanted you to know how much I love this school. University City High School is a very good school. I like how they have many programs for young people. I also like that the teachers make sure they know what everybody is doing, and they care about our feelings. They also make sure we come prepared for school to learn what we need to know to become someone in life.

- Shayneaa Fowler

**MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WILL BE PRINTED IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE JAGUAR TIMES, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR LETTERS TODAY!!**

*Benchmark Testing by Mr. King*

Benchmark Testing:

A Wonderful

Instructional Tool.

For this instructor, and others here at University City High School, it is found that Benchamark Tests are a wonderful assessment tool. They are also can be a re-teaching skills builder. Teachers by every marking period observe ten key performance indicators for evaluating, comparing other schools, grade levels, NCLB subgroups and the classroom performance of other teachers within their own schools as well as the performance of individual students in order to craft instruction. At any given time, within the evaluation analysis period for high schools, teachers can found fine tuning their lessons to review concepts that students had difficulty with. Teachers use this time to develop and implement other instructional strategies such as adaptive measures and differentiated instruction. This allows them to present concepts to our students that might have been more difficult to master. Finally, teachers use the Professional Development Planner to keep up with current teaching trends. Everyone in the University City High School Community should know about the many hours of preparation and learning that goes into the lessons that are taught here. Everyone at our school is held accountable to be the best professional they can be!!

**SUPER STAFF MEMBER PROFILE**

**Mr. Mustafa Bradpher  
Parent Ombudsman  
Room 104C (x1042)**

Mr. Bradpher is our Parent and Community Ombudsman. He works to provide parent and community support here at UCHS. Mr. Bradpher handles customer service questions and concerns raised by parents, guardians, community residents, and organizations and assists constituents in resolving concerns. He also communicates concerns and/or issues to proper offices and schools for resolution. He also provides information regarding the availability of School District and/or community resources to assist in the

resolution of the issues; engages in network opportunities with internal and external organizations and entities to promote and disseminate information to the UCHS Community members regarding district-wide services, activities and initiatives. His job is to develop, foster, and maintain partnerships to support school or district programs or goals. Mr Bradpher is quoted as saying "since I have been at UCHS, I have had the opportunity to observe and talk with parents, teachers, staff and students here." He is heavily involved in helping to make our school a better place to learn and grow for our students. He is also providing a resource to parents to help them understand the mission here at our school. He provides the much needed support

system that helps make parents feel more included in our process. "My number one goal here is to get children back in school in a productive and active manner!!" Please stop by and see Mr. Bradpher if you are walking by. I am sure he will be happy to see you!!



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University City  
High School  
Graduation Day!!  
June 18th, 2009!!  
Temple University  
at 9 am sharp.  
Congratulations!!

## Seniors get 'prepped' for a 4-yr college

By Ms. Liby

Some of University City's brightest football stars will be attending Union Christian Academy just outside of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a unique opportunity for these young men to focus on strengthening their academic skills as well as their abilities on the field. All three students, Michael Gilliam, Shanadore Scott-Silver, and Derrick Brooks, will be playing football for the Academy's Crusader team. This experience will help increase the self-discipline that these young men have as well as prepare them for the academic rigors of college. They also have the option of participating in the College Articulation Program affiliated with Cincinnati State University. Students will make the living transition to apartment-style facilities called the Commons that are fully furnished as well as have been invited to visit the weekend of May 23 for an Open House and Combine Weekend. UCHS is proud of our senior scholar-athletes and wishes them the best of luck!

## Room 126 is cooking up some fun!! By Mr. Verde

The students in room 126 have spring-summer- fever as does the rest of the school. Despite their excitement they are remaining busier than ever. Everyday is a unique challenge with similar yet different outcomes. Each student brings to school their whole person ready to achieve and perform to their personal best. They strive to pay attention and if they can, remain quiet so that the teacher can tell a story or read them some directions. They perform each assignment or task as best they can. They will not stop until the task is done if possible and if not, they have a staff person work with them to help them finish each task.

Some tasks that are being taught include:

- hanging up coats and school bags;
- pouring into and drinking from a cup using a straw (or not);
- pulling up and pulling down clothes to use the bathroom;
- using a spoon or fork to eat (or to be fed),
- using an electric screwdriver to improve work skills,
- eating different foods that are presented.

Students are happy to be in here to take advantage of being away from their home on a daily basis. They can only leave their home when someone in the family takes them out or when they get on to the school bus. Please come-by to help eat some of the fine foods we make. We know you can't resist the smell in the hallway when we are cooking. Some of the foods we prepare and cook are sausage, bacon, sandwiches, soups, fish, cakes and brownies!! This week we are serving water ice for the warm weather. Hope to see you here soon to help feed my kids some water ice!!

**DON'T  
DRINK &  
DRIVE...**

**Enjoy the prom!**

**Friday, May 22nd, 2009!**

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**Quote of the Month:**

**" A Good Leader Knows The Way, Goes The Way, And Shows The Way!"**

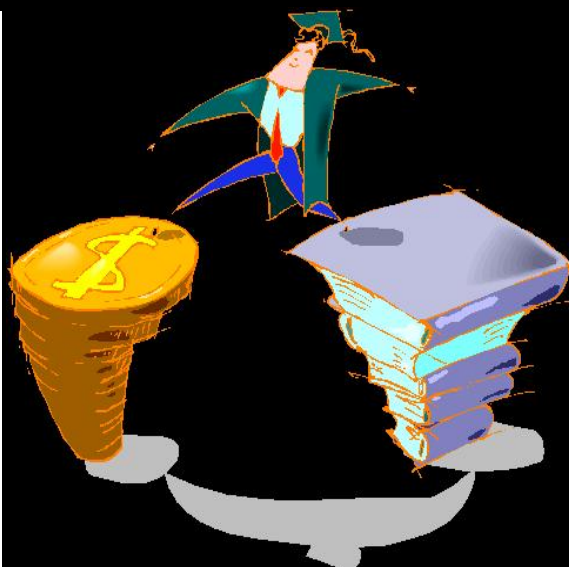
**-Platoon Leader's Handbook, US Army**

**Statistic of the Month:**

**High School Graduates make an average of 46% more money than those without a diploma over a lifetime!**

**Joke of the Month:**

The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he made the teacher quite surprised. He tapped her on the shoulder and said..... "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades..... somebody is going to get a spanking....."



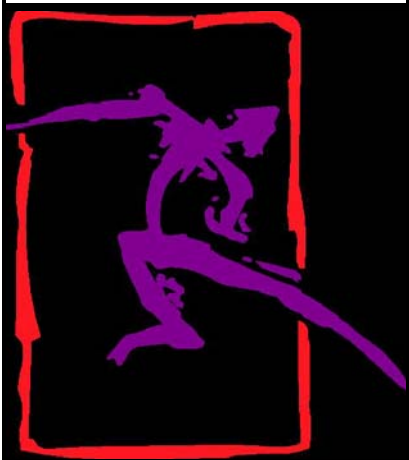
## THE Jaguar Sporting News

**DO YOU WANT YOUR NAME IN THE PAPER?**

**WRITE A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOUR MATCH OR PERFORMANCE, OR THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR TEAM AND WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN THIS SECTION OF THE NEXT ISSUE!**

**U-CITY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT!**

**NEXT MONTH:  
MORE STORIES  
LESS PICTURES!!**



**TRACK TEAMS at Roxborough:  
April 16th, 2009 by Dr. Rosenberg**

The Girls Team placed 3rd out of five teams. Shanice Diggs was second with a personal best in the 200. Laquanda had a personal best in the 400 and placed 3rd. The 4x100 team of Tamyra Salters, Shanice, Tyshema Walton, and Elexus Latney placed 3rd.

The Boys Team placed first in the team standings. Dante James was 1st in the 200 and 3rd in the 100. James Mustapha was 2nd in the 400 and tied for 2nd in the 200. Jessie Mustapha was 1st in the 800. The boys 4x400 team of Jessie, James, James and Brakeem placed 1st with a season's best record.

In the field events, Oshod McDuffie was 2nd with a season's best in the triple jump, and 2nd in the long jump. Devaughn Lively placed 4th in the long jump. Kevin Houston and Christian Maynard were 1st and 3rd respectively in the shot put, both with personal bests. Congrats to all!!

**Upcoming Events:**

**4/30 - Girls Softball(A) at Gratz**

**4/30 - Baseball(H) vs Gratz**

**4/30 - Volleyball(H) vs Overbrook**

**5/5 - Baseball(H) vs Lamberton**

**5/7 - Volleyball(A) vs Palumbo**

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